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Rev. George Moore, Quincy and destitute vicinity, Illinois.
Rev. William H. Lord, Milwaukie and destitute vicinity.
Rev. Augustus H. Conant, Geneva and vicinity, Illinois.
Rev. George W. Woodward, Galena, Illinois.
Rev. Phineas Fish, to the Indians of Marshpee and of Herring Pond.
Rev. Eleazer Williams, to the Oneida Indians at Green Bay.
Rev. John Huss, a native Cherokee and Missionary to his own Tribe.
Rev. Abraham Plumer, Isle of Shoals.
Miss Cordelia Frisbie, Teacher.

# REPORT.

THE Select Committee beg leave to present the following Report of their transactions, and of the operations of the Society during the past year: —

In the first place, and as embracing the most extensive objects proposed by the Society, we refer to our Missions in the West. At the Annual Meeting of the Society, in May last, it having been voted, "That a sum not exceeding fifteen hundred dollars be appropriated, at the discretion of the Select Committee, in support of Missions in the West," the Committee embraced the earliest opportunity to consider of the places and classes of persons, most entitled to the aid of the Society. They found no hesitation in devoting, from this sum, three hundred dollars, in aid of the missionary services of Rev. William G. Eliot and of his fellow-laborer, in St. Louis, and in destitute places in its vicinity, or other portions of Missouri. To the results, then, of this mission, as far as they may be observed or inferred, we will, first, invite your attention.

From a letter recently received from Rev. Mr. Eliot, we select the following extracts: —

"ST. LOUIS, Oct. 1, 1846.

"According to the requisitions of your Society, my Report for the six months, commencing with May last, is due, and I beg leave here to present it.

"In consequence of my imperfect health, the labor has chiefly devolved upon Mr. De Lange; and I take this opportunity of renewing the assurance that it has been well performed, and very acceptably to all whom he has visited in his missionary tours.

"These services have been held in Davenport, Iowa, and its vicinity; Sterling, Dixon, Stevenson, Laharpe, and in the vicinity of Hillsborough, in Illinois; in Oquaka, Louisiana, and Bowling Green, in Missouri. All of these places, with exception of two, come strictly under the rules of the Society, (as destitute places,) and in no case has any sectarian object been proposed, or controversial discourses delivered. The audiences have uniformly been good, and a very decided interest in the religious exercises felt. Almost always urgent request has been made for repeated visits. The neighborhoods visited are all good missionary stations.

"At Como and Laharpe in Illinois, and Louisiana and its vicinity in Missouri, great good might be accomplished by an intelligent ministry of almost any denomination. You can hardly understand how highly the occasional labors of such a ministry are valued, in the scattered settlements of this new land. The plain statement of Gospel truth, of that truth which is without controversy, is received with open hearts. But unfortunately, most of the preachers who visit such regions are fond of contention, and many disputes are engendered, from which proceed self-delusion and doubt.

"The number of miles traversed in these excursions, has been about sixteen hundred; but I have not kept an accurate account. The expenses have been between forty and fifty dollars.

"It was my intention to devote a part of each month of this autumn to the duties of my mission. But my health is so imperfect, that I am under the necessity of omitting not only those, but all other labors; and I shall, therefore, be unable to present any further Report for twelve months to come." —— "There will, of necessity, remain a deficiency in this year's Report, although not a great one, when the distance travelled and the expenses incurred are considered. The ill health, by which I am now compelled to suspend my labors, is the remote consequence of exposure during one of my missionary excursions. And my motives for desiring the full amount of the compensation voted to me for this year, will not, I am persuaded, be mistaken; for you already know, that no part of the compensation is appropriated to private use, but expended in education of the poor in this city.

"I submit the whole, however, to the consideration of the Board of Managers, and

"Remain, dear Sir,

"Yours, very truly,

"WILLIAM G. ELIOT."

Mr. Eliot has, since the date of the above Report, left St. Louis, and will soon embark for Europe, with a view to the recovery of his health. His assiduous and successful labors among his own people in that city, and as our missionary to the destitute in other and distant places, have commanded the grateful respect of all to whom he has ministered; and we trust that, after the interval of release which has become necessary, by a devoted and exhausting zeal, he may be able to resume the labors which have been so faithfully rendered and so signally blest.

### 2. *Quincy, and destitute places in Illinois.*

From the Rev. George Moore, our Missionary within the State of Illinois, we have also received a Report, from which we extract the following passages. At the time of writing this communication, Mr. Moore was on a visit to New England, but has now resumed his labors in Illinois: —

"CONCORD, Oct. 5, 1846.

"*To the Secretary of the Society for Propagating the Gospel.*

"Dear Sir: In the prosecution of my labors during the past year, I have preached in five different places away from Quincy. In one of these places, I have held a week-day evening service once a month, when the weather has been favorable. The other places I have visited on Sundays. It has seemed to me that Nauvoo, in its transition state from Mormonism to whatever other isms may take its place, was a proper scene for missionary operations, and for preaching the great practical doctrines of the Gospel. I have, therefore, visited that city, and have been permitted to preach in the Mormon Temple; and although my visit was made on a Sunday when there was much excitement there, yet I had an audience of three or four hundred, about half of them, as I was informed, being Mormons. In Beverly I have held four meetings; and, in all my visits to this place, have found the people very much interested in religious services.

"It would give me pleasure to inform you of some good results of my mission for the last year. But the missionary seldom knows much of the results of his preaching. He must sow his seed in faith, and trust that God will give the increase. There is always, however, a satisfaction in the thought, that the seed of truth has a vitality in it which will preserve it, and cause it to spring up and bear fruit, long, perhaps, after we may have passed away.

"With my thanks for the continued confidence reposed in me by the Society, and with the hope that, by the divine blessing, I shall be enabled to perform a double portion of missionary service for the coming year,

"I remain your friend and brother,

"GEORGE MOORE."

3. *Geneva, and destitute places within Kane County, Illinois.*

From representations made to your Committee, of the spiritual needs and wishes of many in this portion of Illinois, an appropriation was made from the fund for Western Missions, of two hundred dollars; and Rev. Augustus H. Conant, the pastor of a Congregational Church in Geneva, was employed as a missionary of this Society. From him, also, we have received a Report, which, in part, is as follows: —

"GENEVA, KANE COUNTY, (ILL.,) Sept. 18, 1846.

"My Dear Sir: According to your request, I write you an account of my doings.

"Since my return to Illinois, in June, I have devoted one-half of my Sabbaths to the Society in Geneva, of which I am the pastor; one-fourth to Elgin, where a new Society has been formed, and one-fourth to other destitute places.

"The places, in part or entirely destitute of preaching, which I have visited, as missionary of your Society, are: Wheeling, and settlements in the vicinity, on the Desplains River; Nelson's Grove, near Geneva, and Como, on Rock River. The most important of these places is Como. It is a thriving and beautifully situated town, about ninety miles from Geneva, and twenty-five miles from the Mississippi River. No religious society has been formed in the place, and only occasional preaching has been enjoyed. From the interest mani-

fested in public worship, the two Sabbaths I spent there, and from conversation with many of the inhabitants, I am confident that nothing is wanted to build up a flourishing religious society in the place, but the regular preaching of the Gospel of Christ, by a faithful and devoted minister. There are thirty or forty families, and the population of the village and surrounding country is rapidly increasing; while the need of religious institutions and religious instruction is, indeed, very great.

"During my visit, I preached three times each Sabbath, and one evening of the week, instructing the people in the practical truths of religion, and urging repentance towards God, and faith towards our Lord Jesus Christ; and though I cannot say more of the result of my labors, than that I was heard with attention, yet I hope, that the 'seed sown' may some of it spring up and bear fruit. I was prevented, by sickness, from visiting some places in the vicinity of Como, which, as I was informed, are promising fields of usefulness to the Christian minister.

"I intend (as in fact I have done) to preach a third discourse on the Sabbath I spend in Geneva, in some destitute neighborhood in the vicinity, and the same, also, when I preach at Elgin; so that my humble labors will rather exceed than come short of my engagement to your Society, as a missionary to the destitute.

"I am, my dear Sir,
"Truly yours,
"A. H. Conant."

4. *Milwaukie, Wisconsin, and destitute places in its vicinity.*

Soon after the Annual Meeting of the Society, in May last, the Select Committee received a communication from the Rev. William H. Lord, pastor of a Congregational Church in Milwaukie, stating the condition and spiritual needs of the people in that vicinity. Among various statements, we select the following: —

"Milwaukie itself is growing with a rapidity, which has hardly a parallel, except, perhaps, in some of the manufacturing towns of New England. Ten years ago, there was a single hut upon its present site; now, it has ten thousand inhabitants; so

that our own Society, if it can be sustained for a year or two more, will, by the natural law of increase, be established on a permanent and independent basis.

"But it is not for ourselves that we urge our claims upon your sympathy and assistance. Milwaukie, as you well know, is the key to a large and flourishing territory, which is rapidly filling up with an active and enterprising population, mostly from the Eastern States; and not, perhaps, equalled in all the elements of good society, by that of any of the new states. All the institutions of learning and religion are in their infancy; and the people are, to a great extent, deprived of the religious privileges which, in their former homes, they had been accustomed to enjoy. But the communication with the interior is necessary and constant; and I may say, that every Sabbath our services are attended by many from the country, who are drawn, by their business, to the city; so that the influence of our Society is far more extensive than upon its own members. Abundant opportunity is presented to me, of preaching *in the interior towns, where there is no settled minister.*

"In requesting aid for these destitute places, the members of my own Society do not mean, and do not wish, to spare themselves. They cheerfully pay, for the support of the Gospel, an amount very much more in proportion to their ability than is generally raised in Eastern societies."

Mr. Lord having previously served the Society in destitute places near Chicago, and the Committee having confidence in his fidelity and zeal, a small appropriation was made, in aid of his missionary services in Michigan; which, should circumstances hereafter encourage, may usefully be increased.

### 5. *Galena, Illinois.*

The destitute condition of certain districts in the neighborhood of Galena, Illinois, especially of a numerous class of persons employed as miners in those districts, was communicated to your Committee; and earnest application was, at the same time, made for their relief. The statements thus officially received by the Committee, were confirmed by other and incidental testimony; and the Rev. George W. Woodward, formerly

connected with the Congregational Church in Bedford, Mass., but now the pastor of a Church in Galena, has been authorized to act as the missionary of our Society to those destitute places. Two hundred dollars have been voted, as the compensation of his services. In a communication received from Mr. Woodward, upon notice of his appointment, dated Galena, June 29th, he confirms what had previously been said of the deep spiritual necessities of this people; and his increased convictions, as he becomes more fully acquainted with them, of the importance of such a mission.

### 6. *Isle of Shoals.*

From our Missionary and Teacher at the Isle of Shoals, we have received communications, from which the following are extracts: —

"Gosport, (Isle of Shoals,) Oct. 1846.

"In rendering an account of my stewardship, as Missionary of your Society, I have to inform you that I have spent every Sabbath here, since the commencement of this missionary year, or, since June 1st, with the exception of three; and on these three the desk was supplied, in my absence, by the Rev. S. D. Blodget, of Rye.

"Our congregation is good, when compared with the population. A larger proportion of this people attend church, than of most communities; and we find no perceptible variation in our congregation, or in religious influences, from those mentioned in our last Annual Report.

"Our Temperance Society is doing well; although we have had a death-like influence cast around us, by the establishing of a rum-shop upon one of these islands, by the man who attends the light-house here.

"The School has been very faithfully conducted by Miss Cordelia Frisbie, of Kittery, in this neighborhood. She, however, will vacate her place, at the end of the quarter, when I shall take charge of it for the four months succeeding; after which, we hope to secure her labors again. For further account of the School, I refer you to her own Report, which accompanies this.

"Our Sabbath School is composed of nearly all the children upon the Island, and is doing well.

"The mission buildings, both the school and the house occupied by the missionary, are now made comfortable. The bills for the barn, which has been built this season, have been sent to the Rev. Mr. Peabody, of Portsmouth.

"I wish to express my gratitude through you, for the aid your Society has rendered me, and to request a continuance of the same; for, without your aid, this poor people must be destitute of the word of life."

Miss Frisbie, in her report of the Mission School, writes: —

"I have had the care of this School for five months last past, and find myself encouraged to labor for the dear youth here, for they have minds susceptible of improvement.

"My average number of attendants is twenty-five. I have a class in grammar, of eleven; in geography, of twelve; in arithmetic, of eleven. Reading, writing, and spelling constitute the general studies; and, in addition to these, we have attended to sewing, knitting, &c., &c."

### 7. *Marshpee Indians, and Indians of Herring Pond.*

The Rev. Phineas Fish, who has, for a series of years, served as Minister and Teacher to the Marshpee Indians, under provisions of the will of the Rev. Daniel Williams, of London, (of which the Corporation of Harvard College are the Trustees,) has, during the past year, been employed by this Society, as a Missionary to the same Indians, and more especially to the Indians in that neighborhood, of Herring Pond. Your Committee were the more readily disposed to this appointment, both from their confidence in the fidelity, and other qualifications of Mr. Fish, and from the fact, that the amount of compensation he had formerly received from the ancient Williams' Fund, had become, by a series of circumstances, greatly diminished, it being now shared equally between himself and another missionary of the Corporation of the College.

Mr. Fish received his appointment in June last, and from him we have received a report, in part, as follows: —

"COTUIT VILLAGE, Oct. 20, 1846.

"Our meeting-house, for the use of the people here, is almost completed, and will accommodate nearly three hundred persons. It is so situated, that some of the colored people in this neighborhood will be accommodated, and probably considerable numbers will attend our worship. It is a part of my plan, to attend weekly lectures, and to perform pastoral duties among the Indians, as the principal part of my ministry. Of these, I hope to give you a more particular account hereafter.

"My services are evidently growing more acceptable in Marshpee, and should no unfavorable influences from without arise, I shall be able hereafter to give a favorable account of them. My chief hindrances, in years past, have originated, not with the Indians, but with strangers.

"I can speak encouragingly of the Indians of Herring Pond. They are sober, industrious, and increasingly attentive to the means of religion. Schools are well sustained among them, and a fine group of nearly twenty Indian children attend steadily, make as good progress, are as well clad, and, I think, are better behaved than the children in the white schools, take them as they rise. It is with great pleasure I visit this people of Herring Pond, and flatter myself, that, in the remainder of this year, I shall be able so to serve your Society, that your generous aid shall not be bestowed in vain."

8. *Cherokee Indians, and Female Seminary, at Dwight.*

For a few years past, five hundred dollars have been appropriated in aid of the mission established by the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, among the Cherokees, and in aid, especially, of their Female Seminary at Dwight. For the last year, this appropriation was reduced to two hundred and fifty dollars, partly from the pressure of nearer and more urgent claims on the funds of our Society, and partly from what your Committee had learned of the unsatisfactory condition of affairs among the Cherokees themselves. It appears from the

last Report of the Commissioners, now just published, that various causes have conspired to obstruct religious influences, both within the schools and the churches of that people. "The School at Dwight," as we learn from the above Report, "has been much interrupted by sickness among the pupils, of whom three had died, and a large proportion of the whole number prevented attendance." Party strifes, also, and divisions had so fully engrossed the minds of the people, as to leave little room for religious impression. "Each of the three contending parties, has had its delegation, at the seat of the United States Government, during the last session of Congress," and among these delegates, was the Rev. John Huss, in aid of whose ministry part of the sum formerly voted by this Society was specially appropriated. His absence from his tribe, of course, precluded any missionary labors among them. Both the sickness within the Seminary, and the divisions within the tribe have greatly diminished. But, with the multiplying claims of nearer objects, and the importance of exercising their own superintendence, as far as may be, over their own missions, your Committee fail to discover reasons for any further continuance of this appropriation.

### 9. *Ojibway Indians, near Lake Superior.*

The Rev. J. Bardwell, an accredited Missionary among the Ojibway Indians, at Sandy Lake, (having received his appointment to this work by the Western Evangelical Missionary Society,) being on a visit to Massachusetts, communicated a written statement to your Committee, of the spiritual condition and needs of that people, requesting, at the same time, some small appropriation in aid of his ministry. His letter exhibited some striking evidences of moral and religious destitution among that people, which seem entitled to the consideration of the Society. But, as the subject was new, and invited further

inquiry, fifty dollars only were given to Mr. Bardwell for his personal encouragement in his work.

### 10. *Oneida Indians, at Green Bay.*

From information obtained by our Assistant Secretary, Rev. S. K. Lothrop, it appearing that the condition of this tribe, near Green Bay and its vicinity, called loudly for aid; and the Rev. Eleazer Williams, already stationed among them, appearing to be qualified for the work, two hundred dollars were voted to this object, and an intimation was given him, that, should his labors prove eminently useful, some larger appropriation might be made the ensuing year.

### 11. *Indian Youth in Albion Seminary, Michigan.*

From the Rev. George Smith, President of the Board of Trustees of the Albion Seminary, at Albion, Michigan, as, also, from Rev. Reeder Smith, agent for the same, letters have been received, in relation to the two Indian youth adopted by this Society, and now under instruction in that Seminary. Agreeably to the request made to your Committee, these youth have received the names of John Sargent and Samuel Kirkland. They are sons — the one of a chief, the other of a prominent individual of their tribe. Two hundred dollars — the sum which was understood to be adequate — has been devoted for their education and support.*

### 12. *Rev. Mr. Rogers,—Vernon and vicinity.*

Your Committee, in years past, have with great satisfaction referred to the services of their tried and faithful missionary, Rev. Timothy F. Rogers, and especially to his labors in the destitute vicinity of Vernon, Leyden, and the frontier towns of

* For a further account of these youth, see Appendix A.

Vermont. Mr. Rogers was first appointed as one of our missionaries, in June, 1829; — and, until the close of the last year, a period of more than sixteen years, has, with characteristic fidelity, godly simplicity, and in the spirit of a faith unfeigned, fulfilled his work, commending himself, wherever he went, as a good steward of the manifold grace of God. But age, and infirmity, and domestic griefs have lain their hand heavy upon him, and the work in which he delighted, he has no longer the power to perform.

In a letter received from the Rev. Mr. Everett, of Northfield, a near neighbor of Mr. Rogers, and who has taken a strong interest in the people, to whom Mr. Rogers had gone ministering, we are told: —

"The eyes of this people are turned to that source whence they have been aided and encouraged, through Mr. Rogers. Whatever of spiritual life exists in that community, to your Society, through that good man, is that people chiefly indebted. To him they looked in sorrow and affliction. His pure, affectionate example is remembered in many dwellings. May they not be encouraged to perseverance? May they not still receive some aid from your Society?

"In Christian fellowship, yours,

"OLIVER C. EVERETT."

In a postscript to the same letter, it is added: —

"The wife of Mr. Rogers (who had for many years labored under mental infirmity,) died last Sunday morning. At her funeral, a large concourse of friends assembled, but Mr. Rogers was too infirm and broken in mind to appreciate their sympathy, except that occasionally there were glimpses of thought and memory. He can remain but a short time in the shattered tenement of clay."

Should the people of Vernon and vicinity remain in the condition described by Mr. Everett, your Committee hope that the

assistance we have so long supplied, through Mr. Rogers, may be continued by some other faithful hands.*

Such is a brief survey of the operations of the Society during the past year, embracing, as has been seen, St. Louis, with destitute places in Missouri; Quincy, Geneva, and Galena, with destitute places in the state of Illinois; Milwaukie, in Wisconsin, and destitute places in Michigan; the Isle of Shoals, with provisions for its school and church; the Indians of Marshpee, with those also of Herring Pond; the Cherokee Indians, with their female seminary at Dwight; the Ojibway Indians, near Lake Superior; the Oneida Indians, at Green Bay; and lastly, the support and education of two Indian youth in the Seminary in Albion, Michigan.

From a comparison of the missionary efforts of the Society during the present with those of past years, it will appear that at no former period has it embraced so wide or varied a field of action as during the year last past, more particularly in its endeavors for the benefit of the Indian race. A sum nearly double the amount of the income of the Alford Fund, which was specially devoted to them, has been employed for this object;† and though the experience of this Society, from its institution to the present hour, and, as we must fear, the whole history of missionary effort for this unfortunate race, cannot justify any sanguine expectations, yet is it a source of satisfaction to your Committee, that, by such efforts, we are at least endeavor-

* See Appendix B.

† The appropriations for the Indians, for this year, are as follows: —

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| 1. In aid of the mission of the Rev. John Huss, a native Cherokee preacher, or for the Female Seminary at Dwight, according to the discretion of the American Board of Foreign Missions, | $250 |
| 2. For the education and support of two Indian youth in the Albion Seminary, Michigan, | 200 |
| 3. For the Oneida Indians, under the care of Rev. Eleazer Williams, | 200 |
| 4. For the Marshpee and Herring Pond Indians, under the ministry of Rev. Phineas Fish, | 200 |
| 5. A grant to Rev. Mr. Bardwell, teacher of the Ojibways, | 50 |
| Amount of appropriations, | $900 |

ing to fulfil one of the primary designs of this Society itself; and to carry out, as far as their best judgment and the favor of Divine Providence permit, the benevolent purposes of one of its earliest and most liberal benefactors. Having sought, according to the means entrusted to us, to reclaim the wanderer, to "hide the outcasts, and to be a covert to them from the spoiler;" * having endeavored to make them partakers with ourselves of the blessings of civilized life, and still more, of the inestimable benefits of the Christian faith, we must acquiesce in the little portion of success that seems to be accorded; reposing with a boundless trust in the manifold wisdom and impartial love of our Heavenly Father, who, having so loved the world as to send his Son to save it, will not permit his gracious purposes to fail, but by methods, perhaps not understood of men, will establish his own kingdom of righteousness and salvation in the earth.

From the grateful reception of our missionaries to the West, and by incidental evidence from time to time received from individuals, who either partake or hear of the benefit of their ministries, we derive the utmost occasion for encouragement to our own purposes, and for many thanksgivings to God.

Which is respectfully presented,

For the Committee.

FRANCIS PARKMAN, *Secretary.*

Boston, Nov. 5, 1846.

* See the Annual Discourse, delivered Nov. 6, 1823, before the Society, by Rev. Dr. Harris, of Dorchester, from the text, partly quoted as above; in which the intrinsic difficulties attending endeavors to convert the Indians, and the sources of the undeniable failures which have so often and lamentably been the result, are well exhibited.

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# APPENDIX.

## A.

*Indian Youth in Albion Seminary, Michigan.*

Since the meeting of the Society, on Nov. 5th, the following letter has been received, from the President of the Board of Trustees of that Seminary, which gives an encouraging account of the progress and promise of the two Indian youths, — John Sergeant and Samuel Kirkland, — now under the care and patronage of the Society: —

"ALBION, (MICHIGAN,) Oct. 29th, 1846.

"*To the Secretary of the Society for Propagating the Gospel among the Indians, &c.*

"REV. AND DEAR SIR:

"The duty of conferring with you, in relation to the two Indian youths supported by your Society at this institution, has been entrusted to our agent, Rev. Reeder Smith. But fearful that, amidst the pressure of other business, it may be overlooked for the present, I have concluded to forward to you a brief communication on this subject.

"Samuel Kirkland is now in attendance, and is making fine progress in his studies; he having had some privileges in the Mission School, before he came here. His moral and religious character is decidedly good; his desire to obtain an education, for the purpose of benefiting his people, is unconquerable; and

he is willing to make any sacrifices for its attainment. His prospects of usefulness, moreover, are very good. The other, John Sergeant, has not returned since the commencement of the present term, (three weeks.) We learn he has been sick; but he will, without fail, return as soon as he can.

"John Sergeant is younger than the former, being about seventeen. He had no educational advantages till he came here; belonging to a tribe which has recently embraced the Christian religion. He is a boy of fine promise, excellent natural parts, cheerful disposition, and endures the confinement of school much better than Indians ordinarily do. He attended nearly one term of twenty-two weeks; and, during that time, learned to read and speak a little English, and write a pretty fair hand. In conclusion I would remark, that the appropriation of two hundred dollars a year is sufficient, with economy, for their support. The Board feel exceedingly gratified with the appropriation; and could desire, if it is consistent with the views of your Society, to have the appropriation continued, until, at least, these youths obtain a thorough education. We have facilities for obtaining any amount of Indian students, and educating them, if we had the means. The means of the Board are very limited; and the Indians that have been educated here, have been chiefly sustained by individual benevolence and the efforts of the Indians themselves. These provisions are frequently inadequate, and they labor under great discouragements.

"I see, from the character of your Society, that you contemplate propagating the Gospel, through the medium of educational advantages. Will it be asking too much, to request you to inquire into our facilities, with a view of further appropriations? I am personally acquainted with the state of the Indians in the Northwest, and missionary operations among them, by the different denominations; and am confident that your Society may supply a lack, that can confer the greatest amount of possible good to the Indians. The missions furnish them with Primary Schools, just sufficient to incite in them a desire to learn. The most intellectual among them wish to continue their studies, and ask the missionary 'when shall I go?' and 'what shall I do?' The missionary, — frequently with tears in his eyes, — says, 'I cannot tell; I have no money;' and, unless he can enlist the feelings of some benevolent individual, he must doom his child, that he has reared with so much care, — and a child, too, of so much promise, — to perpetual ignorance.

"Could a kind Providence open a field, such as we contem-

plate, just at this stage, when thousands of our Northwestern Indians are in a transition state, and give the few a liberal education, and prepare them for teachers, who may take the lead of civilization in their bands, what an amount of good would ensue!

"My dear Sir, the concluding part of this letter, you will clearly discover, I write not as a Report to your Society, but to give expression of a full heart to one whose connexion with a Society, so truly Christian in its aims, enables him to sympathize, and with the hope, not at present, of your making an additional appropriation, but that by correspondence, you will make yourself acquainted with the facilities referred to, and, perhaps, you may feel justified in making permanent arrangements for the benefit of God's suffering poor.

"I am, very respectfully,

"Rev. Sir, yours, &c.

"GEORGE SMITH,

"*President of the Board of Trustees of Albion Seminary, Mich.*"

## B.

At the Semi-annual Meeting of the Society, the Secretary having communicated some statements in relation to the destitute condition of Vernon and some places on the frontier of the state, formerly ministered to by our late missionary, Rev. T. F. Rogers, it was voted to appropriate one hundred dollars, in aid of missionary services in those places; and Rev. Addison Brown, of Brattleborough, and Rev. A. Bridge, of Bernardston, the successor of Mr. Rogers, and both residents within the near neighborhood of Vernon, &c., were designated for the performance of this labor.

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*From its incorporation, 1787, to the present time, November, 1846.*

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## Elected in 1788.

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| * Hon. James Bowdoin, LL. D. | Boston. |
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| * Hon. Cotton Tufts, M. D. | Weymouth. |

## Elected in 1792.

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| * Hon. James Sullivan, LL. D. | Boston. |
| * Rev. Samuel West, D. D. | Boston. |
| * Rev. Jedediah Morse, D. D. | Charlestown. |
| * Rev. John Lathrop, D. D. | Boston. |
| * Rev. Simon Howard, D. D. | Boston. |
| * Hon. William Phillips, | Boston. |
| * Hon. John Lowell, LL. D. | Roxbury. |
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| * David S. Greenough, Esq. | Roxbury. |

## Elected in 1794.

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| * Hon. Benjamin Lincoln, | Hingham. |
| * Rev. Alden Bradford, | Boston. |
| * Rev. Abiel Holmes, D. D. | Cambridge. |

## Elected in 1798.

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| * James White, Esq. | Boston. |
| * Dea. Samuel Salisbury, | Boston. |

## Elected in 1800.

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| * Mr. David Hyslop, | Brokline. |
| * Hon. Dudley A. Tyng, LL. D. | Boston. |
| * Rev. Elijah Parish, D. D. | Newbury. |

## Elected in 1803.

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| * Rev. David Tappan, D. D. | Cambridge. |
| * Eliphalet Pearson, LL. D. | Cambridge. |

## Elected in 1804.

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| * Rev. Thomas Barnard, D. D. | Salem. |
| * Rev. William E. Channing, D. D. | Boston. |
| * Samuel Eliot, Esq. | Boston. |
| * Daniel D. Rogers, Esq. | Boston. |
| * Samuel Parkman, Esq. | Boston. |
| * Rev. Joseph M'Keen, D. D. | Brunswick, Me. |
| Hon. John Davis, LL. D. | Boston. Resigned. |

## Elected in 1805.

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| * Hon. John Treadwell, | Salem. |
| * Benjamin Bussey, Esq. | Roxbury. |
| Samuel H. Walley, Esq. | Boston. |
| Rev. Joshua Bates, D. D. | Dedham. |
| * Edward A. Holyoke, M. D., LL. D. | Salem. |
| * Hon. Thomas Dawes, Jr. | Boston. |
| Rev. James Kendall, D. D. | Plymouth. |
| Hon. Jonathan Phillips, | Boston. |

## Elected in 1808.

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| * Josiah Salisbury, Esq. | Boston. |

## Elected in 1811.

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| * Rev. J. T. Kirkland, D. D., LL. D. | Cambridge. |
| * Rev. Henry Ware, D. D. | Cambridge. |
| * Rev. Thomas Prentiss, D. D. | Medfield. |
| * Rev. William Greenough, | Newton. |
| Rev. John Pierce, D.D. | Brookline. |

## Elected in 1814.

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| * Edward Tuckerman, Jr. Esq. | Boston. |
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| * Elisha Ticknor, Esq. | Boston. |
| * Rev. Samuel Gile, | Milton. |
| * Rev. John Foster, D. D. | Brighton. |
| * Levi Hedge, LL. D. | Cambridge. |
| * Rev. Joshua Huntington, | Boston. |
| * Rev. Joseph McKean, LL. D. | Cambridge. |

## Elected in 1818.

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| Rev. Francis Parkman, D. D. | Boston. |
| * Rev. Joseph Tuckerman, D. D. | Boston. |
| * Hon. John Phillips, | Boston. |
| * Hon. Asahel Stearns, LL. D. | Cambridge. |
| * Rev. Ebenezer Porter, D. D. | Andover. |
| Hon. Pliny Cutler, | Boston. |

## Elected in 1822.

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| * Rev. Thaddeus M. Harris, D. D. | Dorchester. |
| * Hon. Judge Parker, LL. D. | Boston. |
| * Edward Phillips, Esq. | Boston. |
| Rev. John Codman, D. D. | Dorchester. |
| * Hon. William Reed, | Marblehead. |
| Hon. Daniel Webster, LL. D. | Boston. |

## Elected in 1825.

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| Hon. Richard Sullivan, | Boston. |
| * James R. Chaplin, M. D. | Cambridge. |
| * Rev. Henry Ware, Jr., D. D. | Cambridge. |
| Hon. Samuel Hubbard, LL. D. | Boston. |
| John C. Warren, M. D. | Boston. Resigned. |
| * Rev. B. B. Wisner, D. D. | Boston. |

## Elected in 1832.

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| Hon. Josiah Quincy, LL. D. | Cambridge. Resigned. |
| * Hon. Peter O. Thacher, | Boston. |
| Rev. William Jenks, D. D. | Boston. |
| Rev. James Walker, D. D. | Charlestown. |
| Thomas W. Ward, Esq. | Boston. Resigned. |
| * William Hilliard, Esq. | Cambridge. |

## Elected in 1833.

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| * Hon. Judge Story, LL. D. | Cambridge. |
| Hon. James Savage, LL. D. | Boston. |
| Rev. John G. Palfrey, D. D., LL. D. | Cambridge. Resigned. |
| Rev. George Putnam, D. D. | Roxbury. |
| * George Bond, Esq. | Boston. |

## Elected in 1834.

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| Hon. Judge Shaw, LL. D. | Boston. |
| Rev. Convers Francis, D. D. | Boston. |
| Rev. Ezra S. Gannett, D. D. | Cambridge. |

## Elected in 1835.

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| Hon. Charles Jackson, LL. D. | Boston. |
| Rev. Charles Briggs, | Boston. |
| Rev. H. A. Miles, | Lowell. |

## Elected in 1837.

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| Rev. Joseph Field, D. D. | Weston. |
| Rev. Alexander Young, | Boston. |
| Rev. George Ripley, | Boston. |
| * Hon. Leverett Saltonstall, LL. D. | Salem. |

## Elected in 1838.

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| Hon. Daniel A. White, LL. D. | Salem. |
| Hon. Samuel A. Elliot. | Boston. Resigned. |

### Elected in 1839.

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| Hon. Samuel Hoar, LL. D. | Concord. |
| Rev. Samuel Barrett, | Boston. |
| Rev. Ephraim Peabody, | New Bedford. |

### Elected in 1840.

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| Rev. A. P. Peabody, | Portsmouth. |
| Rev. G. W. Briggs, | Plymouth. |

### Elected in 1841.

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| Benjamin Guild, Esq. | Boston. |

### Elected in 1843.

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| Charles G. Loring, Esq. | Boston. |
| Rev. Samuel K. Lothrop, | Boston. |

### Elected in May, 1844.

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| Hon. Abbott Lawrence, | Boston. |
| Rev. Chandler Robbins, | Boston. |
| Rev. C. A. Bartol, | Boston. |
| Rev. James W. Thompson, | Salem. |

### Elected in Nov. 1844.

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| Hon. Stephen C. Phillips, | Salem. |
| Rev. George E. Ellis, | Charlestown. |

### Elected in 1846.

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| Rev. Edward B. Hall, | Providence. |
| Rev. Alonzo Hill, | Worcester. |

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☞ At the last stated meeting, the following resolutions were adopted on recommendation of the Select Committee:

"Every member, who shall hereafter be absent from six successive stated meetings of the Society, shall be considered as thereby resigning his place as a member.

"And it shall be the duty of the Secretary to notify any member of the Society, who may hereafter be absent from *four* successive stated meetings, that absence from *two* more such meetings will vacate his office."